
Title: Tatiana The early years

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Tatiana Thorn, nee Alexi

Tatiana is the only child of Grigori Alexi and Katya Alexi. Her father was the local blacksmith in Mazewood. Her mother was the local chef. Her father died in a forge accident when she was 12. Her mother died a few years later, most say it was a broken heart.

Tatiana loved watching her father work and listened to him raptly as he explained the process. She took up the smith hammer when she was eight. Her father use to laugh because the hammer was almost as big as she was. By the time her father passed away, she was doing many of the mundane chores about the town, making horse shoes, sharpening blades on the peasant tools, etc.

After her father passed away, she concentrated on perfecting her skills. She so loved all the artwork of making items from raw materials, she took up many other crafting arts, tailoring, tinkering, bowyering, carpentry, and others.

At age 18, her childhood friend, Starfire, sent her to the Brotherhood of the Hand. Starfire felt Tatiana was isolating herself too much and needed to get out and meet folks. During

this time, she got caught
between the two sides of
a battle. Three of the
Moonglow Town Council
lured her to a spot
under the pretense of
someone needing help.
Tatiana was always willing
to help another out.
Once isolated away from
help, she was tied to a
chair and a ransom was
demanded of the
Brotherhood in retaliation
for an earlier slight.
When the Brotherhood
refused, Tatiana was
beaten into
unconsciousness and left
for dead.

Always on the quiet
side, this drove Tatiana
to be even more so.
Fearing such a recurring
incident, Tatiana took up
working on her sewing
skills, and carpentry skills
sitting outside Hanse's, a
Hostel located in Sanctus.

It was at this time, she
met her first suitor. He
was of Moonglow as well.

He was a fine artist
and made many drawings
of Tatiana, which she still
has to this day. But,
alas, he loved her and
she saw him as a freind.

He gathered two friends,
tied her to a chair inside
Hanse's and took Tatiana
to a hideout.

It had been his
intention to hold her until
she loved him. Tatiana
was terrified but knew
she could never love him.

He and his two freinds
beat her while tied to
the chair and left her
for dead. It was after
this, Tatiana has never
sat in a chair again.
She can't breathe, and
starts to shake if she
even tries.